

Claims

- [c1] A method of secure distribution of encryption/decryption keys among two communicating parties comprising of:
- public (non-secret) selecting a natural number n ;
 - public (non-secret) selecting a natural number k ;
 - public (non-secret) selecting a k -tuple $S = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k)$ of pairwise-commuting $n \times n$ matrices with integer coefficients;
 - private (non-public) generating the polynomial $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ in k variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k and with integer coefficients by the first communicating party;
 - private (non-public) generating the polynomial $q(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ in k variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k and with integer coefficients by the second communicating party;
 - private (non-public) generating $n \times n$ matrix A with integer coefficients by the first communicating party according to the formula:
$$A = p(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k);$$
 - private (non-public) generating $n \times n$ matrix B with integer coefficients by the second communicating party:
$$B = q(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k),$$

(therefore, $A \cdot B = B \cdot A$);

public (non-secret) selecting a compact topological monoid G by both communicating parties;

public (non-secret) selecting an n -tuple $g = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$ of pairwise commuting elements in G by both communicating parties;

generating the n -tuple g^A by the first communicating party by the formula:

$$g^A = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n),$$

where

$$y_j = g_1^{A_{1,j}} \cdot g_2^{A_{2,j}} \cdot \dots \cdot g_n^{A_{n,j}}$$

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where each A_{ij} is a corresponding matrix coefficient of the matrix A ;

generating the n -tuple g^B by the second communicating party by the formula:

$$g^B = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n),$$

where

$$z_j = g_1^{B_{1,j}} \cdot g_2^{B_{2,j}} \cdot \dots \cdot g_n^{B_{n,j}}$$

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where each B_{ij} is a corresponding matrix coefficient of the matrix B ;

public (non-secret) transmitting the n -tuple g^A from the first communicating party to the second communicating party;

public (non-secret) transmitting the n -tuple g^B from the second communicating party to the first communicating party;

creating the shared secret key $g^{A \cdot B}$ by the communi-

cating parties: generating the n -tuple $(g^A)^B$ by the second communicating party and generating the n -tuple $(g^B)^A$ by the first communicating party (since $(g^A)^B = g^{A \cdot B} = g^{B \cdot A} = (g^B)^A$, both communicating parties possess this n -tuple $g^{A \cdot B}$).

[c2] The method as defined by claim 1, wherein G is an arbitrary compact topological monoid and the polynomials $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ and $q(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ have non-negative integer coefficients, and all the matrices S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k have non-negative integer matrix coefficients.

[c3] The method as defined by claim 1, wherein G is an arbitrary compact topological group and the polynomials $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ and $q(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ have arbitrary integer coefficients, and all the matrices S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k have arbitrary integer matrix coefficients.

[c4] The method as defined by claims 1 and 2, wherein G is an arbitrary compact topological monoid, $k = 1$ and the $n \times n$ matrix S has non-negative integer matrix coefficients so that

$$A = a_0 \cdot I + a_1 \cdot S + a_2 \cdot S^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} \cdot S^{n-1} \text{ and } B = b_0 \cdot I + b_1 \cdot S + b_2 \cdot S^2 + \dots + b_{n-1} \cdot S^{n-1},$$

where a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} are non-negative integers privately generated by the first communicating party and b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1} are non-negative integers privately gen-

erated by the second communicating party, and where I is the identity $n \times n$ matrix.

- [c5] The method as defined by claims 1 and 3, wherein G is an arbitrary compact topological group, $k = 1$ and the $n \times n$ matrix S has arbitrary integer matrix coefficients so that

$$A = a_0 \cdot I + a_1 \cdot S + a_2 \cdot S^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} \cdot S^{n-1} \text{ and } B = b_0 \cdot I + b_1 \cdot S + b_2 \cdot S^2 + \dots + b_{n-1} \cdot S^{n-1},$$

where a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} are arbitrary integers privately generated by the first communicating party and b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1} are arbitrary integers privately generated by the second communicating party, and where I is the identity $n \times n$ matrix.

- [c6] The method as defined by claims 1, 2, and 4, wherein G is an arbitrary compact topological monoid, $k = 1$, $n = 2$, and the 2×2 matrix S has non-negative integer matrix coefficients $s_{11}, s_{12}, s_{21}, s_{22}$ so that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 + a_1 s_{11} & a_1 s_{12} \\ a_1 s_{21} & a_0 + a_1 s_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 + b_1 s_{11} & b_1 s_{12} \\ b_1 s_{21} & b_0 + b_1 s_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

where a_0, a_1 are non-negative integers privately generated by the first communicating party and b_0, b_1 are non-negative integers privately generated by the second communicating party. Therefore,

$$A \cdot B = B \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 b_0 + (a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{11}) s_{11} + a_1 b_1 s_{12} s_{21} & (a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{11} + a_1 b_1 s_{22}) s_{12} \\ (a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{11} + a_1 b_1 s_{22}) s_{21} & a_0 b_0 + (a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{22}) s_{22} + a_1 b_1 s_{12} s_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

[c7] The method as defined by claims 1, 3, and 5, wherein G is an arbitrary compact topological group, $k = 1$, $n = 2$, and the 2×2 matrix S has arbitrary integer matrix coefficients $s_{11}, s_{12}, s_{21}, s_{22}$ so that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 + a_1 s_{11} & a_1 s_{12} \\ a_1 s_{21} & a_0 + a_1 s_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 + b_1 s_{11} & b_1 s_{12} \\ b_1 s_{21} & b_0 + b_1 s_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

where a_0, a_1 are arbitrary integers privately generated by the first communicating party and b_0, b_1 are arbitrary integers privately generated by the second communicating party. Therefore,

$$A \cdot B = B \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 b_0 + (a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{11}) s_{11} + a_1 b_1 s_{12} s_{21} & (a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{11} + a_1 b_1 s_{22}) s_{12} \\ (a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{11} + a_1 b_1 s_{22}) s_{21} & a_0 b_0 + (a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{22}) s_{22} + a_1 b_1 s_{12} s_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

[c8] The method as defined by claims 1 and 2, wherein G is an arbitrary compact topological monoid, $k = 2$ and the $n \times n$ matrices S_1 and S_2 have non-negative integer matrix coefficients and satisfy $S_1 \cdot S_2 = S_2 \cdot S_1$ so that

$$A = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} a_{i,j} \cdot S_1^i \cdot S_2^j \text{ and } B = \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} b_{i,j} \cdot S_1^i \cdot S_2^j,$$

where all $a_{i,j}$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, and $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, are non-negative integers privately generated by the first communicating party and all $b_{i,j}$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, and $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, are non-negative integers privately generated by the second communicating party, and where I is the identity $n \times n$ matrix.

[c9] The method as defined by claims 1 and 3, wherein G is an arbitrary compact topological group, $k = 2$ and the $n \times n$ matrices S_1 and S_2 have arbitrary integer matrix coefficients and satisfy $S_1 \cdot S_2 = S_2 \cdot S_1$ so that

$$A = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} a_{i,j} \cdot S_1^i \cdot S_2^j \text{ and } B = \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} b_{i,j} \cdot S_1^i \cdot S_2^j,$$

where all $a_{i,j}$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, and $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, are arbitrary integers privately generated by the first communicating party and all $b_{i,j}$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, and $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, are arbitrary integers privately generated by the second communicating party, and where I is the identity $n \times n$ matrix.

- [c10] The method as defined by claim 1, wherein $n = 1$ and G is any compact topological monoid and the said 1×1 matrices A and B are any non-negative integers.
- [c11] The method as defined by claim 1, wherein $n = 1$ and G is any compact topological group and the said 1×1 matrices A and B are arbitrary integers.
- [c12] The method as defined by claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 wherein G is any commutative compact topological monoid.
- [c13] The method as defined by claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9, wherein G is any commutative compact topological group.
- [c14] The method as defined by claim 11, wherein $n = 1$ and G is any connected compact Lie group.
- [c15] The method as defined by claim 11, wherein $n = 1$ and said G is a connected closed subgroup of the orthogonal

group $O(V)$, where V is a Euclidean vector space.

[c16] The method as defined by claim 11, wherein $n = 1$ and said G is a connected closed subgroup of the unitary group $U(W)$, where W is a Hermitian vector space.

[c17] The method as defined by claim 15, wherein the group G is the special orthogonal group $SO(V)$, that is, G is the connected component of the identity in the orthogonal group $O(V)$.

[c18] The method as defined by claim 16, wherein the group G is the unitary group $U(W)$.

[c19] The method as defined by claim 15, wherein the set V is a Euclidean vector space of dimension m , where m is an integer greater than 1.

[c20] The method as defined by claim 16, wherein the set W is a Hermitian vector space of dimension m , where m is an integer greater than 0.

[c21] The method as defined by claim 19, wherein said V is the real vector space R^m with the standard Euclidean dot product:

$$x \cdot y = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_m y_m$$

for any vectors $x = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m]$ and $y = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]$ of R^m .

[c22] The method as defined by claim 16, wherein said W is the complex vector space C^n with the standard Hermitian dot product:

$$x \cdot y^* = x_1 y_1^* + x_2 y_2^* + \dots + x_m y_m^*$$

for any vectors $x = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m]$ and $y = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]$ of C^m , where y_i^* is the complex conjugate number of the complex number y_i .

[c23] The method as defined by claims 17 and 21, wherein the group G is the group SO_m of special orthogonal $m \times m$ matrices, that is, SO_m is the set of all real $m \times m$ matrices M such that the determinant of M is 1 and $M \cdot M^T = I$, where M^T is the transposed matrix of M and I is the identity $m \times m$ matrix.

[c24] The method as defined by claims 18 and 22, wherein the group G is the group U_m of unitary $m \times m$ matrices, that is, U_m is the set of all complex $m \times m$ matrices M such that $M \cdot M^* = I$, where M^* is the transposed complex conjugate matrix of M and I is the identity $m \times m$ matrix.

[c25] The method as defined by claims 23 and 24, wherein the group G is any of two isomorphic groups SO_2 or U_1 .

[c26] The method as defined by claims 13 and 25, wherein the group G is a torus of dimension m , that is, G is direct product of m copies of the group U_1 .

[c27] The method of claim 25, wherein as the group G is further defined as the semi-open interval $[0, 1)$ of real numbers that includes 0 but does not include 1, where the group operation "*" is the fractional part of the sum:

$$g * h = \{g + h\}$$
for any real g and h in the semi-open interval $[0, 1)$, where $\{z\}$ stands for the fractional part of a real number z .

[c28] The method as defined by the claims 1 and 27, wherein the said n -tuple g is given by:

$$g = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n),$$
where g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n are real numbers in the semi-open interval $[0, 1)$; and for a given integer $n \times n$ matrix $A = (A_{ij})$ the power g^A is given by:

$$g^A = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n),$$
where $y_j = \{g_1 A_{1,j} + g_2 A_{2,j} + \dots + g_n A_{n,j}\}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$; and for a given integer $n \times n$ matrix $B = (B_{ij})$ the power g^B is given by:

$$g^B = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n),$$
where $z_j = \{g_1 B_{1,j} + g_2 B_{2,j} + \dots + g_n B_{n,j}\}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

[c29] The method as defined by the claims 1, 7, 27, and 28, wherein $n = 2$, $g = (g_1, g_2)$, the 2×2 matrices A and B are given by:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 + a_1 s_{11} & a_1 s_{12} \\ a_1 s_{21} & a_0 + a_1 s_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 + b_1 s_{11} & b_1 s_{12} \\ b_1 s_{21} & b_0 + b_1 s_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

and the powers g^A and g^B are given by:

$$g^A = (y_1, y_2),$$

where

$$y_1 = \{g_1(a_0 + a_1 s_{11}) + g_2(a_1 s_{21})\} \text{ and } y_2 = \{g_1(a_1 s_{12}) + g_2(a_0 + a_1 s_{22})\};$$

and

$$g^B = (z_1, z_2),$$

where

$$z_1 = \{g_1(b_0 + b_1 s_{11}) + g_2(b_1 s_{21})\} \text{ and } z_2 = \{g_1(b_1 s_{12}) + g_2(b_0 + b_1 s_{22})\};$$

Therefore, the shared key $g^{A \bullet B} = g^{B \bullet A} = (k_1, k_2)$ is

given by:

$$k_1 = \{(a_0 b_0 + (a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{11})s_{11} + a_1 b_1 s_{12} s_{21})g_1 + (a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{11} + a_1 b_1 s_{22})s_{21}g_2\},$$

$$k_2 = \{(a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{11} + a_1 b_1 s_{22})s_{12}g_1 + (a_0 b_0 + (a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{11})s_{11} + a_1 b_1 s_{12} s_{21})g_2\}.$$

$$a_1 + a_1 b_1 s_{22})s_{22} + a_1 b_1 s_{12} s_{21})g_2\}$$

[c30] Method as defined by the claims 1, 7, 27, 28, and 29, wherein $n = 2$, $g = (g_1, g_2)$, and the said matrix S is given by

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

therefore:

the 2×2 matrices A and B are given by:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & -a_1 \\ a_1 & a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 & -b_1 \\ b_1 & b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

the powers g^A and g^B are given by:

$$g^A = (y_1, y_2),$$

where

$$y_1 = \{g_1 a_0 + g_2 a_1\} \text{ and } y_2 = \{-g_1 a_1 + g_2 a_0\}; \text{ and } g^B = (z_1, z_2),$$

where

$$z_1 = \{g_1 b_0 + g_2 b_1\} \text{ and } z_2 = \{-g_1 b_1 + g_2 b_0\};$$

Therefore, the shared key $g^{A \cdot B} = g^{B \cdot A} = (k_1, k_2)$ is given by:

$$k_1 = \{(a_0 b_0 - a_1 b_1)g_1 + (a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1)g_2\},$$

$$k_2 = \{-(a_0 b_1 + b_0 a_1)g_1 + (a_0 b_0 - a_1 b_1)g_2\}.$$

- [c31] The method as defined by the claim 27, wherein for each natural number P, each element g of the group G is rounded to a rational element $[g]_P$ of the group G according to the formula: $[g]_P = (\text{Round}(gP))/P$ if $\text{Round}(gP) < P$, and $[g]_P = 0$ if $\text{Round}(gP) = P$, where $\text{Round}(z)$ stands for the standard

rounding of a real number z to the closest integer.

[c32] The method as defined by the claims 27 and 31, wherein for each n -tuple $P=(P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n)$ of natural numbers, each n -tuple $g=(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$ of elements of the group G is rounded to a rational n -tuple $[g]_P$ according to the formula:

$$[g]_P = ([g_1]_{P_1}, [g_2]_{P_2}, \dots, [g_n]_{P_n}).$$

[c33] A method of secure distribution of encryption/decryption keys among two communicating parties comprising of:

- public (non-secret) selecting a natural number n and k as in claim 1;
- public (non-secret) selecting a k -tuple $S = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k)$ of pairwise-commuting $n \times n$ matrices with integer coefficients as in claim 1;
- public (non-secret) selecting n -tuples natural numbers $P=(P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n), Q=(Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n)$, and $K=(K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n)$;
- public (non-secret) selecting a natural number $D > 1$;
- public (non-secret) selecting the commutative compact topological group G as in claim 27;
- public (non-secret) selecting an n -tuple $g = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$ elements in G as in claims 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32;
- private (non-public) generating the polynomial $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ in k variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k and with integer coefficients by the first communicating party as in claim 1;

private (non-public) generating the polynomial $q(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ in k variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k and with integer coefficients by the second communicating party as in claim 1;

private (non-public) generating $n \times n$ matrix A with integer coefficients by the first communicating party as in claim 1;

private (non-public) generating $n \times n$ matrix B with integer coefficients by the first communicating party as in claim 1;

generating the n -tuple g^A by the first communicating party as in claim 1;

generating the P -rounded n -tuple $[g^A]_P$ by the first communicating party as in claim 32; generating the n -tuple g^B by the second communicating party as in claim 1;

generating the Q -rounded n -tuple $[g^B]_Q$ by the second communicating party as in claim 32;

public (non-secret) transmitting the n -tuple $[g^A]_P$ from the first communicating party to the second communicating party;

public (non-secret) transmitting the n -tuple $[g^B]_Q$ from the second communicating party to the first communicating party;

creating the shared secret key by the communicating parties: generating the n -tuple $[(g^A)_P]^B_K$ by the second communicating party and generating the n -tuple $[(g^B)_Q]^A_K$ by the first communicating party;

$]_K$ by the first communicating party.

[c34] The method as defined by the claims 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33, wherein at least one coordinate of the said vector $g=(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$ is an irrational number.

[c35] The method as defined by the claims 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33, wherein each coordinate g_i of the said vector $g=(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$ is a rational number of the form $g_i=M_i/N_i$, where $0 \leq M_i < N_i$.

[c36] The method as defined by the claim 33, wherein the n -tuples of natural numbers $P=(P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n)$, $Q=(Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n)$, and $K=(K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n)$ and the natural number D satisfy the following compatibility conditions:

$$Q^{-1} \cdot \alpha \leq (D \cdot K)^{-1}, P^{-1} \cdot \beta \leq (D \cdot K)^{-1},$$

where α and β are arbitrary public (non-secret) $n \times n$ matrices with natural coefficients α_{ij} and β_{ij} respectively such that:

$$|A_{ij}| < \alpha_{ij}, |B_{ij}| < \beta_{ij}$$

for all $i=1, 2, \dots, n, j=1, 2, \dots, n$; and $P^{-1} = (1/P_1, 1/P_2, \dots, 1/P_n)$, $Q^{-1} = (1/Q_1, 1/Q_2, \dots, 1/Q_n)$, $(D \cdot K)^{-1} = (1/(DK_1), 1/(DK_2), \dots, 1/(DK_n))$, and the vector inequality

$$(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \leq (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$$

is equivalent to n scalar inequalities:

$$y_1 \leq z_1, y_2 \leq z_2, \dots, y_n \leq z_n. \text{ The compatibility conditions}$$

guarantee that either at least one coordinate of $[(g^A]_P)^B]_D$ equals 0, or at least one coordinate of $[(g^B]_Q)^A]_{D \cdot K}$ equals 0, or

$$[(g^A]_P)^B - [(g^B]_Q)^A = \theta \cdot (D \cdot K)^{-1},$$

where $-\frac{1}{2} < \theta < \frac{1}{2}$.

[c37] The method as defined by the claim 33, wherein a vector $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is defined to be (K, D) -consistent if:

$$(-c, -c, \dots, -c) \leq x - [x]_K \leq (c, c, \dots, c),$$

where $c = 1/2 - 1/(2D)$.

[c38] The method as defined by the claims 33, 36, and 37 wherein both n -tuples $[(g^A]_P)^B$ and $[(g^B]_Q)^A$ are (K, D) -consistent, which guarantees the equality of the shared keys:

$$[(g^A]_P)^B]_K = [(g^B]_Q)^A]_K.$$

[c39] The method as defined by the claims 30, 33, 35, 36, and 37, wherein

$$g = (M_1/N_1, M_2/N_2),$$

where $0 \leq M_1 < N_1$, $0 \leq M_2 < N_2$; and the 2×2 matrices A and B are given by:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & -a_1 \\ a_1 & a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 & -b_1 \\ b_1 & b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $|a_0| < \alpha_0$, $|a_1| < \alpha_1$, $|b_0| < \beta_0$, $|b_1| < \beta_1$, where α_0 , α_1 , β_0 , β_1 are natural numbers each of which does not exceed $N_1 \cdot N_2$; and:

$$\alpha_0/Q_1 + \alpha_1/Q_2 \leq 1/(DK_1), \quad \alpha_1/Q_1 + \alpha_0/Q_2 \leq 1/(DK_2),$$

$$\beta_0/P_1 + \beta_1/P_2 \leq 1/(DK_1), \quad \beta_1/P_1 + \beta_0/P_2 \leq 1/(DK_2).$$

- [c40] The method as defined by the claims 36, 37, 38, and 39, wherein each coordinate K_i of the said n -tuple $K=(K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n)$ is given by the formula:

$$K_i = r^{C_i^n}$$
for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$, where r is a natural number, and C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n are non-negative integers.

[c41] The method as defined by the claims 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40, wherein each i -th coordinate of the shared key $[(g^A]_P)^B]_K = [(g^B]_Q)^A]_K$ is presented as a rational r -ary number having at most C_i r -ary digits after the dot.